# HUALAPAI INDIAN NATION PEACH SPRINGS, ARIZONA RFP FOR COMMUNITY-SCALE SOLAR FEASIBILITY STUDY

Pre-Submittal Questions and Answers on Request for Proposal for Consultants issued on February 23, 2017

March 8, 2017

### ADDENDUM NO. 3

#### Response to General Questions

- 1) To estimate solar facility costs as part of evaluating site feasibility, topographic surveys for each of the three potential sites are needed.
  - a) Can HTUA provide topographic surveys for each of the potential sites for use in preparing a response to the RFP? Please see attached 50' contour maps. Maps also show solar potential based upon the 2013 Renewable Energy Opportunity Analysis performed by the University of Arizona.
  - b) If topographic surveys are not available, can HTUA provide a site plan showing site boundaries with GPS coordinates? Please see attached 50' contour map. Part of the feasibility study will require the consultant to locate a particular site location for the array.
  - c) Can HTUA provide a site map showing the location of the nearest Mohave Electric Cooperative 24.9kV line and nearest improved road? Please see attached 50' contour map, the Certificate of Convenience & Necessity (see Attachment G, page 42) and the e-mail link (.kmz) provided by MEC for the 24.9 KV route between Peach Springs and Nelson.
  - d) To estimate the potential impact on the MEC system, indicate whether the nearest MEC line is 1, 2 or 3-phase. The existing MEC power line is three-phase with a 24.9 KV circuit (see Scope of Proposal, 2.b).
- 2) Are tribal consumers in Peach Springs currently customers of MEC or of the HTUA? Peach Springs is within the MEC CC&N (see Attachment G, page 42) and served by MEC.
- 3) If the Peach Springs consumers are currently customers of MEC and served via MEC owned facilities, what authority does HTUA have to serve the Peach Springs tribal consumers? The HTUA plans is to eventually take over ownership and operations of the distribution grid. In the meantime, solar power will be sold by the HTUA to MEC via a PPA (see Scope of Proposal, 3.c).
- 4) The RFP mentions wheeling charges to deliver excess power generated by the Solar Facilities to other load centers on the MEC grid. Are these other load centers currently MEC customers? Yes (See Attachment H, p. 44).
- 5) How does the HTUA intend to deliver power from the Solar Facilities to end use customers in Peach Springs? Solar power will be sold by the HTUA to MEC via a PPA (see Scope of Proposal, 3.c).
- 6) Are the tribal consumers in Peach Springs billed via individual premise meters or is there a single primary meter point for power delivery and billing? Customers are billed individually.
- 7) Is it HTUA's intent to enter into a PPA with MEC for the purchase of only the solar energy not consumed by the Peach Springs tribal consumers? The HTUA will construct the array and sell the

- power via a PPA with MEC. One of the goals of the solar array is provide power to Peach Springs in the event the Nelson Substation goes off-line.
- 8) Can the HTUA provide a copy of the feasibility study already conducted for one of the sites? This site was dropped from consideration based on input from MEC because this portion of the utility grid already receives solar power from the Long Mesa solar array located on the Havasupai Reservation.
- 9) Attachment C, Item 1 states "Costs for Professional Services (not to exceed \$100.00 per hour)".

  Page 4 of the RFP, lower third of page says, "Applicants are required to provide their current hourly rates..." Does the limitation in Attachment C imply that no Professional Services rate on our Rate Schedule can exceed \$100/hour? This rate may be exceeded for good cause.

### **Response To Questions**

Should you have any questions regarding this Addendum, please contact me at (928) 753-0872.

Except as modified herein all other specifications, terms, conditions and special provisions shall remain the same.

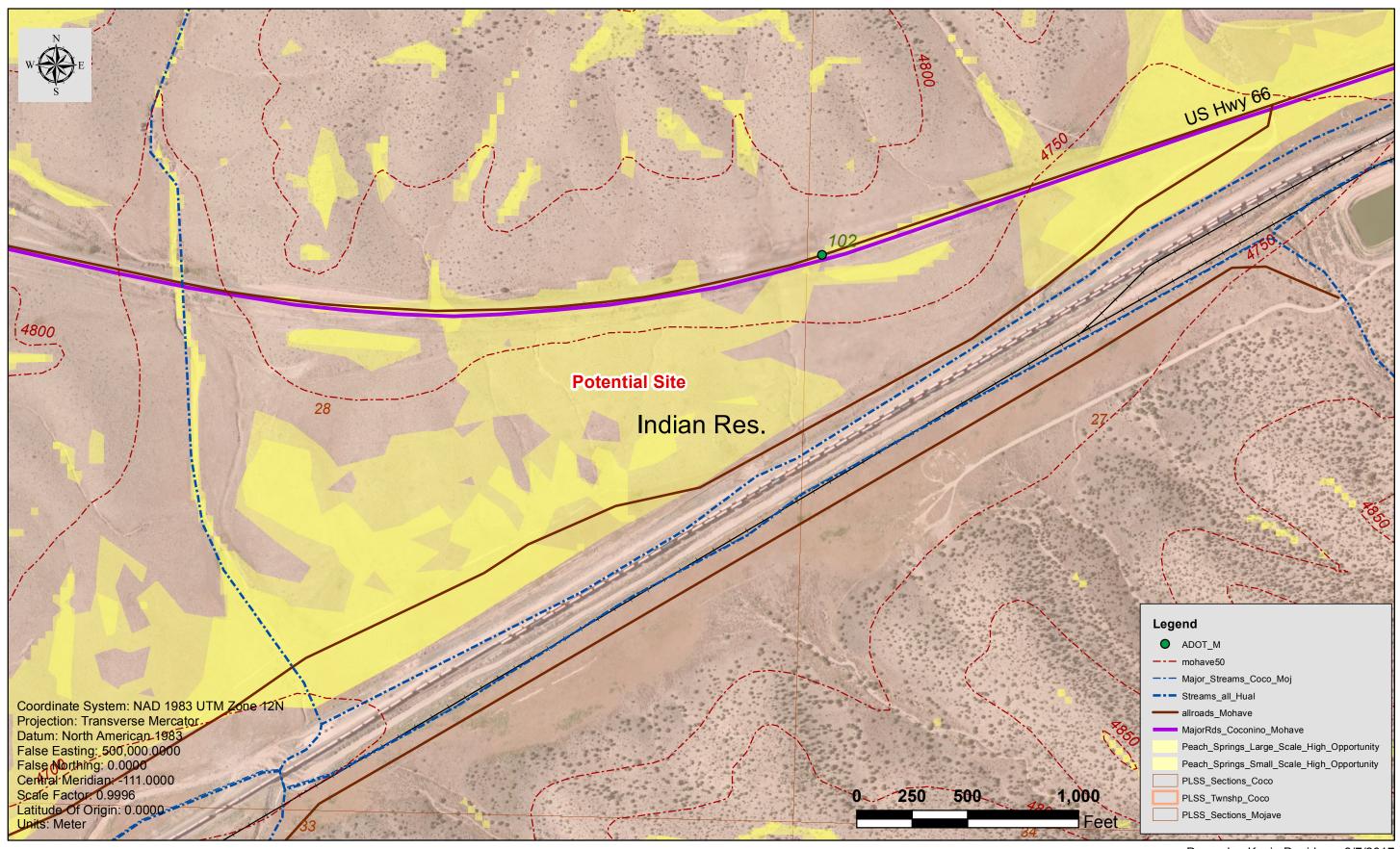
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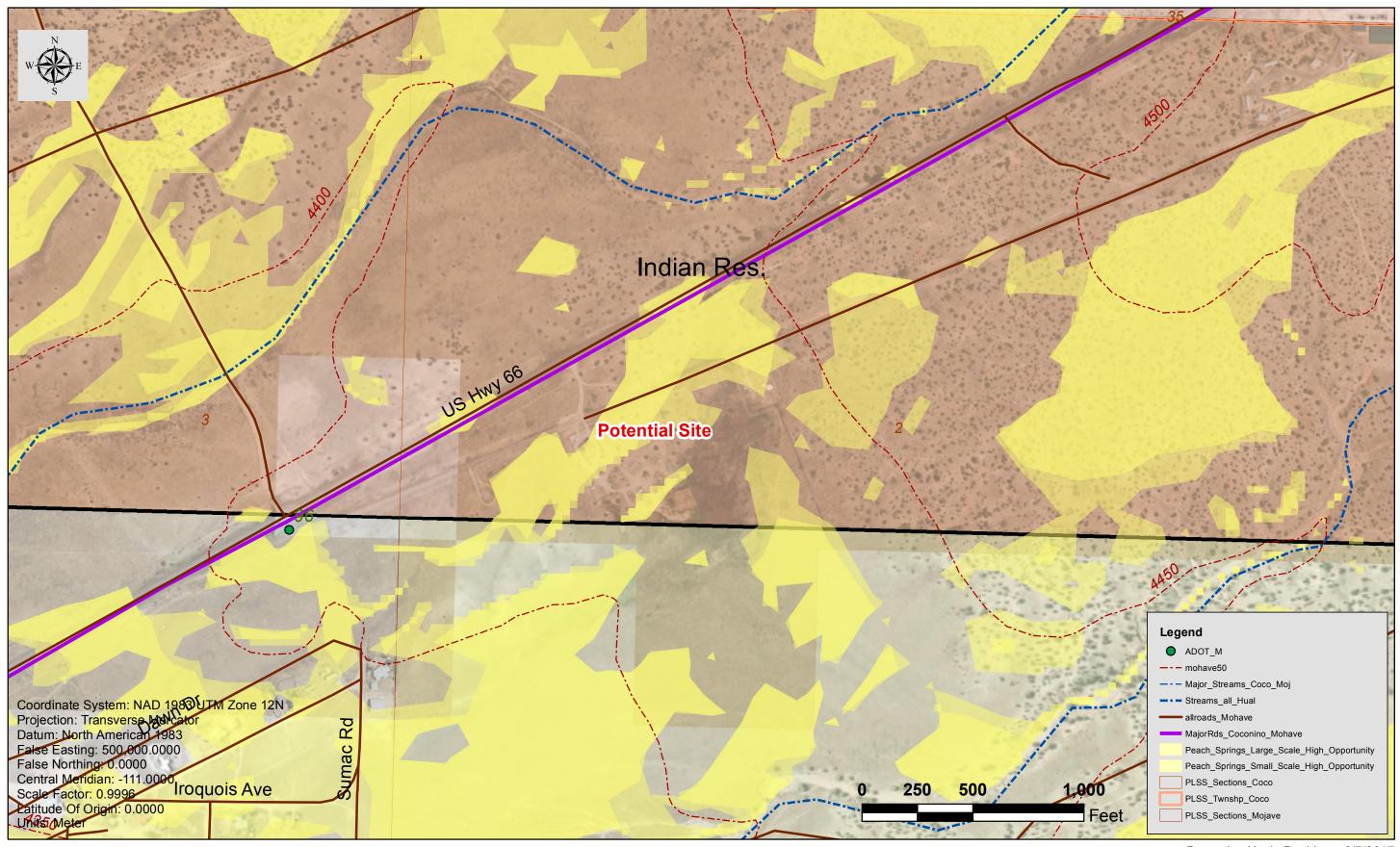
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# Route 66 Solar Facility Site overlain on Topography & Solar Suitability



# Pump House Solar Facility Site overlain on Topography & Solar Suitability



# Nelson Road Solar Facility Site overlain on Topography & Solar Suitability

